

Regional Service Council – September 24, 2015 Minutes

Attendees: Liz Learned, Brian Brown, Mary Holiday, Connie Herman, Cassie Bault, Kay McInnis, Karen Denton, Rachel Tobin-Smith (SCAN), Paige Hamilton (SCAN), Sue Cramer, Debbie Branfield (Crossroads).

Region 6 Regional Manager Liz Learned: Will see changes in the Regional Service Council; we will be very active and work on preventive services similar to what Region 11 has. Try to get a network of providers together to help at risk families. Historically we've had a call in, but we will figure that out, though I would like to have as many live bodies as possible.

Rachele Tobin-Smith: Prevention contracts have been worked out, handout has information about those programs and monies they were awarded. SCAN moving forward with agencies to get services in place. Liz wants each county to have some dollars available to begin prevention work. Paige will be working with the counties on this. Services need to meet one of the two types of prevention noted at the bottom of the handout – can do a lot with these, i.e. Huntington County had a suicide prevention program through the schools, used definition Secondary Prevention to implement this. When we go in to do the Community Partner services, we can pull out what the primary reasons for referrals have been. See handout – Aggregate by County. Liz wants LODs to partner with the communities (Empowering Humanity in Huntington Co.) to explore needs, and leverage prevention dollars as seed money to start prevention programs. (Mary Holiday – Region 11 doles out a lot of small amounts of money, i.e. \$500 to assist ISP summer camp; community fairs; back to school programs/uniforms. Money goes a long way to help.) SCAN would help with prevention service providers, i.e. subcontracting with Terry Hall. One issue would be with police checks which can take up to 60 days. Also, SCAN will have to go through Central Office (Lisa Rich) with contracts. Need to put this in minutes today.

Region 6 Local Prevention Dollars Fiscal Year 2016 approved – Brian Brown motions, Kay McInnis seconds, all in favor, motion carries.

Rachele Tobin-Smith: Community Partners report – presents budget also service summary. 40 families enrolled, served a total of 107 families served. Outcomes in comparison with state standards, all providers over standard. Also have county sheet with stats, DCS largest customer. (Liz – what is being done in the counties to promote this program?) Paige now going into the schools, particularly the school nurses as they refer the most. (Karen Denton mentions the Big Table meeting in Howard County that Paige could attend; Liz advised Paige to reach out to other directors to attend such meetings in their counties.) Anybody can refer to Community Partners. Sheet put out by state (7/31/14 to 6/30/15) regarding instances of abuse, neglect or both since the program started. Brian Brown – are you satisfied with providers? Rachele “yes”; Paige “some of the providers have lost staff, so we assist.” Looking at Protective Factors in services, doing a big training to keep providers up to date.

Rachele reviews Region 6 Service Summary Data with standards and CTD Attainment. Liz Learned – How are we doing compared to your other regions? Not bad, these fluctuate.

Liz Learned: Counties are fully staffed, and up filling.

Sue Cramer: Biennial meeting and plans. Regional Service Council will need to submit plan by January 15, 2016.

Liz Learned: Need to have a public hearing on that, either October 22 or 30. Decision to be held October 22, from 1:00 to 3:00. Will be held in Wabash, with specific location to be announced. Confirmation of location will be sent out.

Anything from local offices? Service providers? No response.

Any other suggestions or thoughts? Paige Hamilton will be in all of the counties over the next month. Liz Learned - has asked SCAN to be a major presence in the region to bring more to utilize our prevention dollars more fully. Brian Brown – are we going to review RFPs annually? Need to look at these in March, April or May, so we can be prepared to start services in July. Need to be marketing these services (Rachele Tobin-Smith – limited on use of money for marketing; Debbie Branfield – networking major source of growth; Liz learned – we will be making changes to build a team of support to make a difference.)

Goal to have RSC every two months. Will have notice of meetings on web site (state site) in future.